



Highway 3 passing lanes officially opened



Front: R.M. of Shellbrook Reeve Doug Oleksyn, Minister of Highways Fred Bradshaw, and Shellbrook Mayor Amund Otterson cut the ribbon on the Highway 3 passing lanes.

After a summer filled with roadwork, the Government of Saskatchewan has cut the ribbon on three sets of passing lanes on Highway 3.

Saskatchewan Highway's Minister Fred Bradshaw and MLAs Joe Hargrave, Alana Ross, and Delbert Kirsch, along with local stakeholders and Indigenous leaders, attended the ceremony to mark the official completion of the \$9.1 million project, which aims to improve safety between Shellbrook and Prince Albert.

"Highway 3 is an important and busy transportation corridor for commuters and transport trucks and functions as an important highway to move people and goods safely and efficiently," Bradshaw said.

"Saskatchewan motorists have seen the efficiency and increased safety passing lanes offer and we will continue to look at further investments where they can provide the most benefit around the province."

The official completion of the project was also welcomed by R.M. of Shellbrook Reeve Doug Oleksyn, and Shellbrook Mayor Amund Otterson.

"As a bedroom community of Prince Albert, these are important safety improvements for the many commuters who drive this highway daily," Otterson said. "It will help reduce stress and provide a better quality of life as a result."

Highway 3 — especially the stretch between Prince Albert and the Shell River — has long been an area of concern for area residents, with an estimated 414 collisions and 67 fatalities occurring on the roadway over the past decade. However, calls for safety improvements were further amplified, after two accidents resulted in three deaths in the lead up to Christmas in 2020.

In the weeks following the fatal accidents, the Ministry of Highways said its 2021 plans for the Highway included three sets of two-kilometre passing lanes

(six lanes total) between 10 kilometres west of Prince Albert and Shellbrook, and improvements to bridges and intersections.

The eastbound passing lanes are just west of Holbein (34 kms west of Prince Albert), just west of Crutwell (22 kms west of Prince Albert), and just west of Kachur's Golf Club (10 kms west of Prince Albert).

The Westbound lanes are between Shellbrook & Holbein (37 kms west of Prince Albert), between Holbein and Crutwell (25 kms west of Prince Albert), and east of Crutwell (17 kms west of Prince Albert).

The ministry also said it would be conducting a safety assessment of Highway 3 between Prince Albert and the Shell River Bridge this year, with any recommendations stemming from that assessment being acted upon as early as 2022.

However, there's more in store for Highway 3 in the near future, as the province's 2021-2022 budget also included funds for

the twinning of the highway.

"We got listening to the people who are around P.A. and Nadine Wilson (Saskatchewan Rivers MLA) was a great advocate for 'Maybe we should do something more,'" said Bradshaw, when the project was announced. "We're always looking at safety, and the more she talked, and the more we heard from other people, we decided that it would be best to twin that section."

As of the summer, completion of the twinning was expected in spring or summer of 2022.

While the initial announcement said the highway would be twinned from Prince Albert to the Shell River Bridge, Shellbrook's Town Council was hoping the province would consider including the bridge in the project.

The Ministry of Highways has said nothing is set in stone, and that it would hold consultations with communities and residents to discuss design options.

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Neufeld crowned Sask. weight loss king

In 2010, after a hip replacement surgery that left him in constant pain, Shellbrook's Melvin Neufeld realized he needed to do something about his weight.

Hoping he'd ease his discomfort by shedding his spare tire, Neufeld joined Weight Watchers alongside a friend and began keeping track of everything he ate.

Slowly but surely, the pounds came off until Neufeld hit his weight loss goal. But like so many others before him, he couldn't make the change stick.

Neufeld went in for hip revision surgery in 2013, and received a much-needed reprieve from the pain he'd endured for three years. Unfortunately, he threw out his back soon after, and, later, he suffered nerve damage to his right leg. This left him unable to exercise or walk any long distances without a cane.

Soon, the pounds piled back on and he found himself regaining the weight he'd lost, plus a few extra pounds.

"As always happens, you quit going, and you start eating a little bit extra, and the pounds start piling on," he says, noting he quit Weight Watchers because he got frustrated with the constant changes to the program.

"The next thing you know, you're right back to where you started from."

Fast forward to early 2020, and Neufeld was nearing 290 pounds. That's when his friend from Weight Watchers told him about Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS), and, curious, Neufeld decided to attend the local chapter's meeting.

Neufeld says he was quite taken with the group, and he decided to join it in February. With the help of those on a similar weight loss journey, he once again began to shed the pounds.

It wasn't easy, he admits, but he reached his target weight of 235 pounds in December of that year. He's kept the weight off ever since, too, weighing in at 232 pounds as recently as Oct. 18.

"Without the group, I don't think I'd

ever be able to do it," he says of his accomplishment, which earned him the title of TOPS weight loss king for Saskatchewan.

"The weigh scale doesn't lie. It lets you know whether you've been good or bad. And when you gain weight, it's like you let the group down."

All told, Neufeld lost 52 pounds to claim the TOPS weight loss crown for Saskatchewan. He says he feels a real sense of accomplishment in earning the title, but notes that losing weight wasn't always easy.

For him, cutting down on portion sizes was the most difficult aspect of the weight loss journey, because he's the only person in his household who's conscious about losing weight. Though it's a constant battle, he adds that he reached his goal by keeping himself accountable.

"Everything I eat I count, so I know I'm not lying to myself," he said. "If there's something I really want, I have it but I own it."

Now that he's kept the weight off for nearly a year, Neufeld jokes that he doesn't just about pass out when he bends down to tie up his shoes. And although five back surgeries and other health problems have made everything a challenge, he still walks his dogs every morning and evening, getting about a mile in every day.

Still, he's taking nothing for granted and working hard to keep the weight off.

"I'm in here for the long haul and it's not easy," he said. "Maintaining is probably harder for me than losing weight. But if you really want to do it, you can do it."

As for those who may be just starting out on their own weight loss journeys, Neufeld advises them to be honest with themselves and decide whether they truly want to lose the weight. After this, he says it's important to hold yourself accountable.

"If you really crave something, have it. But own it and make an adjustment for what you've eaten that day."



Before and after: Melvin Neufeld lost 52 pounds, earning himself the crown and title of TOPS weight loss king for Saskatchewan.

Wild Rose 4H donates to Honeywood



Jacob Feige, on behalf of The Wild Rose 4H Beef Club, gives a \$200 donation to Judy Harley representing Honeywood Nursery. The club has made various donations to give back to the community.

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• Division No. 5**

will be received by the undersigned during regular business hours from Monday, October 18, 2021 to Wednesday, October 27, 2021, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 municipal office.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the municipal office located at 218 Main Street in Spiritwood, Saskatchewan and must be accompanied with a criminal record check and a public disclosure statement.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2021.

Colette Bussiere
Returning Officer



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Opportunity to Review Draft Forestry Plans

Sakaw Askiy holds the license for the Prince Albert Timber Supply area, on behalf of Shareholders who harvest wood from the area. Shareholders are Agency Chiefs Forestry, Carrier Forest Products, Dunkley Lumber, Meadow Lake Mechanical Pulp, Montreal Lake Business Ventures, NorSask Forest Products, and Tolko.

The group is working on the next Operating Plan for the Prince Albert forest area. Draft maps for Year 1 of the plan can be found by clicking on the link in the "What's New" section of the Sakaw.ca website. If you wish to discuss the plans email admin@sakaw.ca as soon as possible. Include the map or the area you would like to discuss and your contact info. A planner will then arrange a call or online discussion with you.

Information about the long-term Forest Management Plan that describes how this forest area is being managed as well as reports on meeting forest management strategies are also available on the Sakaw website under "Forest Management Plan".

To find out more, visit online at www.sakaw.ca

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Island Forests 20-year Forest Management Plan

The Ministry of Environment is developing a 20-year forest management plan that will provide direction for management of the Island Forests area. The Island Forests include the Canwood, Nisbet, Fort-à-la-Corne and Torch River provincial forests in north-central Saskatchewan, totalling nearly 227,000 hectares.

The public is invited to provide comments on the Island Forests 2021-2041 Forest Management Plan. Traditional knowledge and local information about the potential impact of this proposed project are welcomed and valued.

To review the plan, visit publications.saskatchewan.ca/#/categories/18

The deadline for written comments is November 15, 2021.

To provide comments or for more information, contact:
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Highlights of a Shellbrook Town Council meeting

Shellbrook's town council met for its regular meeting in person and via teleconference on Monday, Oct. 18.

In attendance were Mayor Amund Otterson, councillors Larry Batten, Bruce Clements, Peter Halayka, Cheryl Ledding, Brent Miller, and Kathleen Nording, and the town's CAO, Kelly Hoare.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Otterson at 4 p.m., and council began by approving the meeting's agenda and adopting the minutes of its Monday, Oct. 4 meeting. With no business arising from said minutes, council welcomed Shellbrook Minor Sports representatives Dave Philp

and Chezanne Shewchuk, who were in attendance to discuss a prospective proof of vaccination policy for town facilities like the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre.

Fearing the policy may result in some parents pulling their kids out of sports, Philp and Shewchuk were in agreement that they didn't want children to be "punished" for decisions made by parents who don't want to get vaccinated or pay for negative test results. Philp also expressed concerns about the costs of having someone always monitoring the door at the rink.

Council was of the same mind, and later in the evening carried a motion to follow provincial guidelines rather than impose its own vaccine passport policy.

Moving on, council welcomed Anant Brahmbhatt and Paras Patel, who had questions regarding their application for a cannabis retail store in Shellbrook. In particular, the pair were seeking clarification on council's decision to give approval to another applicant to begin going through the regulatory process.

Brahmbhatt said he'd had the impression his business would be allowed to get up and running and develop a client base without competition, estimating the time needed to be about two years. Citing the example of Prince Albert, which has enacted a by-law to limit the number of stores in the city to three, Brahmbhatt suggested multiple businesses wouldn't be able to thrive in a small community like Shellbrook.

With its delegations finished, council approved payment of its regular accounts and payroll deposits and shifted gears to reports.

Up first, council discussed letters of objection received in response to its decision to award the waste and recycling contract to Greenland Waste. Hoare said she'd received 36 letters, as well as one letter supporting council's decision. Hoare and Councillor Miller noted some of the letters came from non-residents.

In public works, council discussed Lake Country Co-ops plans for its fertilizer plant on the east side of town. Following concerns about fumes from the plant, those plans include a 2.5-metre high berm that will wrap around three sides of the facility

and be topped with vegetation to reduce noise and dust.

Councillor Miller also noted that Co-op expressed interest in three other lots around the facility. Later on, council carried a motion to sell the lots to the company at a cost of \$40,000 each, with the caveat that the zoning remain commercial and no assembly or manufacturing take place on the lots.

In PARWU Steering Committee and Board news, Councillor Miller reported that bids for the engineering on the project are being reviewed this week, with the contract expected to be awarded on Thursday. Miller noted this part of the project will provide more certainty about moving ahead with the full project, and added that the winner will be given all engineering work over the course of the project.

Wrapping up a few last reports, Hoare noted that the Fire Hall is having issues with a leaky roof, while Councillor Nording reported that the theatre committee is looking to revitalize the theatre starting with the return of movies in December and hopefully a few Christmas-related events.

Moving on to unfinished business, council gave third reading to Bylaw 2020-05, A bylaw to repeal the heritage status on the CN Station/Museum. Once the heritage status is removed, the town will be able to do what it likes with the building.

In new business, council

began by tabling discussion about the tax-free for three policy. Before this, however, Councillor Miller said he'd like to see the policy expanded to include new garages, noting that any new building increases tax revenue for the town.

Next, council agreed to join SUMA in submitting a letter to Ottawa to express concerns about the new collective bargaining agreement for the RCMP. In particular, SUMA is concerned about the costs of the pay increase being passed on to municipalities, and would like to see the federal government foot the bill.

Wrapping up the meeting, council gave the greenlight to the Student Youth Council to host a Quarter Carnival at the Knox United Church on Friday, Oct. 29, so long as the event adheres to COVID-19 health measures.

Council's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 1.

MacDougall wins October dessert



Iain MacDougall won Spiritwood Public Library's Dessert of the Month for October. Lori Saam accepted on his behalf. The oatmeal cake with brown sugar icing was made by Kathleen Gatzke.



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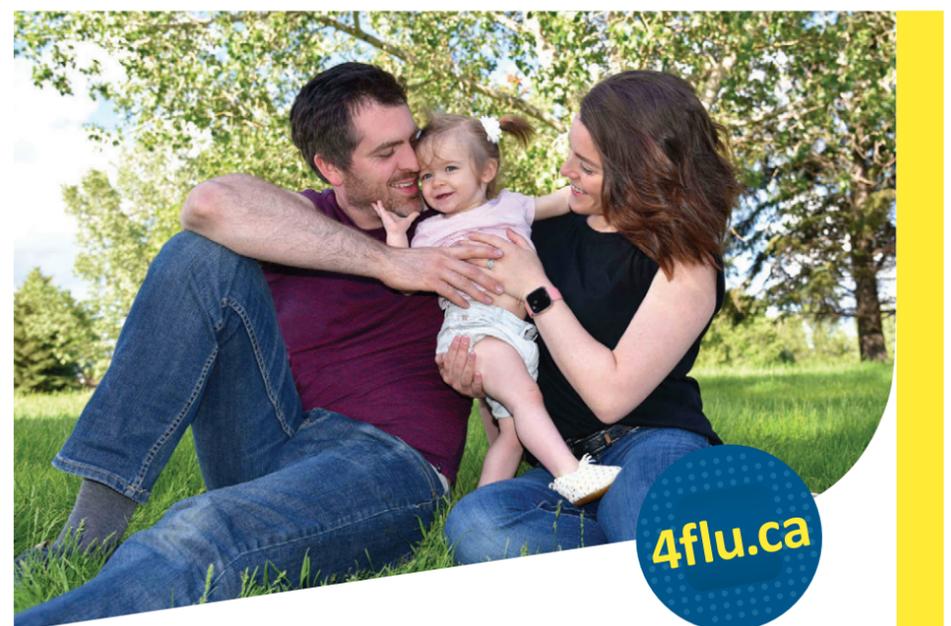
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Canada faces pandemic of nonsensical government

Looking back to March of 2020, when COVID-19 first became a part of our daily lexicon, or even to last fall, when the pandemic truly arrived in Saskatchewan, it's hard not to wonder how we got here.

One imagines that most of us expected this whole ordeal to be little more than a blip on the radar, something we'd have to endure for only a few months before our lives got back to normal.

Nineteen months later, normal has yet to materialize. And, in truth, it doesn't even appear to be on the horizon.

There's been a lot of blaming and shaming of those who are hesitant to get vaccinated, and those who outright refuse to do so. There's been more of both directed at those who refuse to abide by less restrictive measures like indoor masking mandates.

People who fall into either of these groups certainly aren't helping matters. However, it's not entirely their fault. They've been aided and abetted along the way by government policy that ranges from confusing to outright nonsensical.

Take Saskatchewan, where diners in restaurants are expected to wear masks and show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test, while 100 unvaccinated and unmasked people can cram themselves into someone's home apparently without issue.

By the same token, one might reasonably expect the vaccine passport mandate to apply to the staff of restaurants, seeing as staff generally need to work inside their workplace. And yet, according to at least one Saskatoon restaurant owner, this isn't explicitly the case.

Instead, the Government of Saskatchewan introduced The Employers' COVID-19 Emergency Regulations, which give employers, such as restaurants, the power to implement their own policies where proof of vaccination is concerned.

Then, of course, one can't forget the lengthy list of exemptions the province allowed for when it introduced its vaccine passport mandate.

For as much these policies, and oth-



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ers, leave one scratching one's head, nonsensical policy decisions aren't just the domain of Saskatchewan's government.

The federal government is just as guilty, if not more so, of making some puzzling pandemic decisions.

This past winter, when Ottawa introduced mandatory three-day hotel isolations for those travelling to Canada from abroad, it also allowed for a mile-long list of exemptions.

Some of the exemptions, such as healthcare workers and truck drivers, made sense in the context of keeping the healthcare system and the economy chugging along in difficult times.

But it was beyond bizarre to learn that the exemptions actually applied to a full 74 per cent of travellers.

More recently, Ottawa has done the exact same thing with vaccine passport mandates for federal civil servants.

This time, exemptions have been made for nearly 70 per cent of these employees, including federal call centre operators, federal judges, meat inspectors, park wardens, postal workers, tax auditors, and Commons and Senate staff.

Of these exemptions, postal workers are the most glaring oddity. After all, they touch and handle the mail of every single household in the country. Shouldn't they be among the first group of people we'd want vaccinated?

Aside from health measures with gaps that are large enough to fly a 747 through, these last 19 months have also seen governments flip flop like never before – always with the expectation that people will go along without question, or without presenting evidence to support the change in approach.

With policy decisions like these, it's hard not to feel like we're battling against a dual pandemic: one being the fourth wave of COVID-19 and the other being a pandemic of nonsensical governance.

If we want to see the end of COVID-19, people absolutely need to do their part. But what we need most of all is a cure for the second pandemic.

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YOUR TWO CENTS

MLA Wilson must listen to all her constituents

Dear editor,

As a high school teacher in a small town, I stayed out of the local bar. Teachers shape minds and, like members of the legislature (MLAs) who shape policy, we find it necessary to "adopt more stringent norms of conduct in order to protect the public interest and to enhance public confidence and trust" (bit.ly/SK-MLA-Code). Teachers and MLAs must not only act with integrity, but we must be perceived as acting with integrity.

My Saskatchewan Rivers MLA, Nadine Wilson, and other MLAs

owe their constituents "honesty, accessibility, accountability, courtesy and understanding." Wilson, intentionally or unintentionally, misrepresented her vaccine status for months. Misrepresentation is a form of dishonesty which violates the MLAs Code of Ethical Conduct. When her misrepresentation was discovered, she acted with integrity and resigned from the Sask Party.

In a media statement, Wilson said, "I have taken time to listen to people in my riding" and has decided to sit as an Independent. What pro-

portion of people in her riding did she take the time to listen to? In 2021, I have emailed Wilson three times and not felt listened to. Anything less than listening to all voters violates her commitment to accountability.

On the election ballot, Wilson represented the Sask Party. We do not know how many people would vote for her as an Independent. It is time for her to act again with integrity, resign her seat, and listen to all her voters by running in a by-election.

Nancy Carswell
Shellbrook, Sask.

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Op-ed: It's time to act on online harassment

By **Jamie Irving**
and **Paul Deegan**

Canada's news publishers, who employ 3,000 journalists from coast to coast to coast, believe that free speech, journalistic freedom, and a strong, healthy, commercially viable, and fiercely independent media ecosystem are all vital to our democracy.

Canadians rely on their newspapers and news media to be their trusted sources of information, helping them make informed choices and holding people and institutions, including governments and corporations, accountable.

We hope that Parliamentarians will come together and take meaningful action to combat hate speech and other kinds of harmful content online, while ensuring that freedom of expression and free debate are recognized, preserved, and protected.

We are among the country's leading defenders of freedom of speech. At the same time, as employers, we strive to provide a safe, healthy, and inclusive work environment for our journalists. As businesses who supply news and analysis, we also strive to protect our customers: the public who read our news and engage with us and their fellow readers. We listen to our custom-

ers. We take our responsibilities to them and the broader public seriously. We try to build a better common future for all. And we are accountable for both our actions and inaction.

As a business, the news publishing industry remains under threat from unregulated and unchecked social media and online communication service providers. At the same time, our journalists and readers face online harm constantly. Ask any journalist, and they'll tell you that criticism comes with the job. And rightly so. But hate, harassment, and online and physical harm shouldn't. It comes from the right, the left, and everywhere in between, and its victims are all too often women and racialized journalists.

We are united in supporting our journalists and newsrooms against those who seek to silence them and threaten their safety. Together, we will continue to advocate for industry-wide responses to end this behaviour.

Across the globe, journalists face physical, judicial, and online harm. In addition to harassment from individuals, journalists face sophisticated defamation campaigns to discredit them. These threats, and their potential impact on journal-

istic freedom of expression, have detrimental implications for society at large.

The findings of a survey conducted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International Center for Journalists about online violence against women journalists are alarming: 73 per cent of women respondents said they had experienced online violence; 20 per cent said they had been attacked or abused offline in incidents seeded online; and 41 per cent said they had been the targets of online attacks that appeared to be linked to orchestrated disinformation campaigns.

The impact of this violence on mental health is sobering: 38 per cent missed work; 11 per cent quit their jobs; and two per cent abandoned journalism altogether. It also impacts journalistic practices and audience engagement: 30 per cent self-censor on social media; 20 per cent only 'broadcast' and avoid all interaction; and 10 per cent avoid pursuing particular stories.

Like news publishers, online platforms curate content. They reap all the benefits of being a publisher, albeit on much more commercially favourable terms. At

present, however, they do not have the same responsibilities and are not held accountable in the many ways that news publishers are in Canada. Indeed, they have allowed fake news and disinformation to proliferate around the globe, and they have profited from it handsomely.

Big Tech has a societal obligation to moderate these activities, just as any news publisher does. In the United States, section 230 of the U.S. Communications Decency Act exempts them from liability over hosting user-generated content and from liability when they choose to remove that content. However, global companies operating in Canada are subject to Canadian law and should conduct themselves accordingly.

As advertisers know, these firms have enormous and extremely sophisticated technical prowess. Why then have they failed in their duty as content moderators and allowed harmful content targeted at journalists to be amplified on their platforms?

As a matter of principle, our journalists should be afforded the same protections in the online world as they are in the offline world. Accordingly, we recommend that the Government of Canada explicitly

recognize online threats to journalists directly in legislation. At the same time, online platforms should act responsibly. First, they should act upon reports of harassment from news publishers and journalists within 24 hours. Second, they should invest in technology to detect online hate against journalists. Third, they should detail online harm against journalists in their transparency reports. Fourth, they should be held accountable through Canada's libel, defamation, and hate laws, just as Canada's news publishers are. Fifth, they should face economic penalties when they fail to comply with Canadian laws. Finally, they should make it hard for internet trolls to 'profit' from the monetization of content that harms journalists.

As a society, we need to do everything we can to protect democratic expression, but that doesn't mean that we can't protect journalists. All publishers, including internet intermediaries, should be held accountable for harmful content. Canada's publishers stand with our journalists, who won't be silenced, and readers, who want to be informed.

Jamie Irving is Chair and Paul Deegan is President and CEO of News Media Canada.

'It was a donation,' accused testifies at RM theft trial

By **Nigel Maxwell, paNOW**

A former administrator for the Rural Municipality (RM) of Buckland, testified Tuesday it was never her intention to steal from or deprive the RM of any funds or items.

Tara Kerber was charged in November 2019 with theft over \$5,000, and entered a plea of not guilty last October. The trial commenced last Wednesday.

According to testimony heard in court from the Crown's witnesses, the alleged theft had to do with a donation made to the RM from the Prince Albert RCMP detachment. Recognizing that the RM shop had been robbed several times, the RCMP donated a number of goods, with the understanding whichever items they could not use, could be sold, auctioned off or given away, so long as the RM as a whole benefitted and not one individual person. The donated items included various hand and power tools, an ATV, and dirt bikes.

Kerber acknowledged she had spoken with the RCMP about the donation but was not there personally to pick the items up as she was away attending a work related course. Instead she designated four family members to pick up the items who brought them back to a shop at Kerber's property as there was no space available she claimed at the RM's

shop, nor was there any staff available to help move it.

Among the Crown's witnesses was the RCMP officer who initially conducted the inventory of items to donate and was also there for the exchange. He had explained he had made up an inventory list which included photographs. On the stand, Kerber said she was never made aware of any such list until after she was charged.

"[My husband] wasn't given a copy, so I've never seen one," she said.

In February of last year, a trailer containing 99 items was returned to the RM. The RCMP officer testified the returning trailer appeared lighter than the previous meeting, and

he noted a number of items that were missing, including a Honda dirt bike, an ATV, a television set, video game consoles, and a number of tools. Kerber, who wrote up her own list of items returned, maintained nothing was left behind or kept for personal use.

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TOWN OF SHELLBROOK PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Shellbrook intends to adopt a bylaw under the *Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw 2018-01, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT

1. The proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment will:

- Require development applications to show the accurate location of all property pins, utilizing the services of a professional surveyor, if necessary.
- Prior to final approval, for new or "move-in" dwellings, require applicants to submit a "Real Property Report", prepared by a professional surveyor, to confirm the location of all property pins, building foundation location, distance between buildings and all property lines.
- Add a required 100 metre setback for Cannabis Retail Stores vs. Schools, Playgrounds and Licensed Daycares.
- Require Cannabis Retail Stores to be located in a standalone building or in a building with other uses where each use has a separate entrance.
- Change Cannabis Retail Stores from a permitted to a discretionary use in the C1 - Downtown Commercial District and the C2 - Highway Commercial District.

REASON

1. The reasons for the Zoning Bylaw amendments are to:

- To improve the processing and accuracy of development permit applications and approvals.
- To Direct Cannabis Retail Stores to locations that would cause minimal land use conflict.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

A copy of the proposed bylaw is posted on the Town's website: www.townofshellbrook.ca. A copy of the proposed bylaw will be available for inspection at the Town Office between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on November 1st, 2021 @ 5pm in Council Chambers located @ 71 Main Street, Shellbrook, SK, to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office before the hearing. **Due to COVID-19, anyone attending in person will be required to show proof of vaccination or a negative test result within 72 hours prior to attending the meeting. Self-administered rapid antigen tests are not acceptable.**

Issued at the Town of Shellbrook this 14th Day of October 2021.
Kelly Hoare, Chief Administrative Officer

SALE BY TENDER

The Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555 offers for sale the following property "as is":

Parcel A, Plan 1015521138, Ext 321 in the NE 24-55-07 W3 - (1.75 acres)

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'It was a donation,' accused testifies at RM theft trial

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"I returned everything I had that was of value," she said.

Kerber explained items such as the SHARP television and a leveler were broken beyond repair and so were thrown out. As for the ATV and dirt bike, she said they were not in working order so were given away for spare parts but neither she nor her family members could recall who they were given to.

One item that was sold was a Milwaukee brand saw for \$200. Kerber brought the cash to court last week and explained Tuesday that when she had emptied the

storage sheds, she forgot about the envelope she had left on her desk in her house.

"It was an oversight," she said.

Kerber's employment with the RM effectively came to an end in July 2019. When asked by Crown lawyer Doug Howell to explain why it took so long for the items to be returned, Kerber said she had been actively looking for a new job, and her focus was not on her past employment.

At the conclusion of his cross examination, Howell advised Kerber it was always her responsibility as the administrator to look after all the items received, and to

ensure she had records of everything.

"It was a donation," Kerber replied.

Also testifying for the defence Tuesday were Kerber's husband and father, who assisted with the pick up of the items from the RCMP. Both said they had not taken any items for personal use, and both also noted the poor quality of many of the donated items, as well as a number of tools that were tossed out as they were either badly rusted or were missing chargers or batteries.

Closing arguments were expected to be heard on Wednesday, Oct. 20. It's expected Judge H. Harradence will reserve his decision to a later date.

Minutes of a Town of Spiritwood meeting

(Where necessary, the following minutes may have been edited for clarity or brevity)

The regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Spiritwood was held at the Spiritwood Civic Centre on July 28, 2021 at 7 p.m.

In attendance were Mayor Gary von Holwede, Councillor Bryan Wingerter, Councillor George Pretli, Councillor Ragnar Latus, Councillor Kiera Andres, Councillor James Bedi, Councillor Brad Nemish, and CAO Rhonda Saam.

A quorum being present, Mayor Gary von Holwede called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Nemish: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried

Pretli: That the minutes of the regular meeting on June 23, 2021, be approved as presented. Carried

Neil Gaboury entered the council meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Neil provided an update with projects completed and ongoing with the public works department, as well as discussed the compact loader quotes.

Neil Gaboury left the council meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Nemish: That the correspondence be filed as presented. Carried

Wingerter: That the Accounts for Ratification, Cheque No. 31538 to 31551

and CAFT & on-line payments #424 to 457 in the amount of \$164,385.36 be approved as presented. Carried

Bedi: That the Accounts for Approval, Cheque No. 31552 to 31589 and on-line payments #458 to 459 in the amount of \$40,312.77 be approved as presented. Carried

Nemish: That the Bank Reconciliation for the month of June 2021 be approved as presented. Carried

Wingerter: That the Financial Statement for the month of June 2021 be approved as presented. Carried

Bedi: That the reports be filed as presented. Carried

Wingerter: That in consideration of Spiritwood Minor Hockey covering the October 2021 SaskPower demand charge and the 2021 Bull Riding Event not taking place in Spiritwood this year we approve turning on the Skating Arena Ice Plant on Oct. 1, 2021. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve purchasing the T66 T4 Bobcat from Earthworks as per their quote of \$73,794 plus taxes & shipping which includes the 68" heavy duty bucket, 80" light material bucket, and 4K pallet forks with 48" teeth;

And, that we request a revised estimate from Earthworks that includes

the 72" Brushcat attachment for this compact track loader. Carried

Nemish: That we send Grant Lavoie to the Class 1 Wastewater Treatment & Collection training offered by ATAP in Saskatoon in December 2021. Carried

Nemish: That we provide funds to SARCS in the amount of \$25,173.66 which will be used for the Kidzland new playground structure;

And that we use SRP (Safe Restart Program) funds and transfer \$25,173.66 from the Reserve Chequing Account to the General Chequing Account. Carried

Wingerter: That we accept Martodam Motors offer to purchase the rail-line property directly north of Parcels DEF (ISC Parcel #203184581) in the amount of \$10,000 plus taxes, subdivision and title fees. Carried

Bedi: That we approve Kristen Klassen to take the LG204 Basic Accounting Practices course offered through U of R from Aug. 30, 2021, through to Dec. 15, 2021, and the Town pays for the LGA course expenses. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve Building Permit #08-2021SW to reconstruct a deck and steps located at Lot 3 Block 28 Plan 79B16288, with the condition of approval from the building inspector. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve Demo Permit #03-2021 to demolish a house located on Lot 6 Block 6 Plan BK2112, subject to the condition that the materials be disposed of as per the Ministry of Environment at a permitted or approved landfill or transfer station, and that safety fences and barricades must be used for public safety. Carried

Wingerter: That we do not offer an additional municipal abatement or adjustment on the 2021 property taxes for Parcel D Plan BH 2038. Carried

Nemish: That this meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Weather casts dark shadow over producers

A question that has to be in the back of Prairie farmers' minds has to be what lies ahead in terms of weather, at least in terms of what might be forthcoming to alleviate generally dry soil conditions.

This past summer and fall were short of rain across almost the entire province, albeit by differing degrees depending on location.

Still, the year can be summarized as a dry summer that hurt yields, but the continued dry weather through fall at least al-

lowed harvest to progress quicker than is average for the Prairies.

But with Halloween looming, the chance of fall rains recharging the topsoil moisture is all but gone, so that gives added importance in terms of snowfall this winter.

Certainly of late, winter has not meant mounds of the white stuff, not to the levels remembered from my younger years. Now residing in the city, less snow is looked at personally as a good thing. It means less sidewalk shoveling or deal-



CALVIN DANIELS

ing with snow on streets.

But it is of course not as good a thing for farmers in need of moisture.

A bit of web surfing and the long-range prognosti-

cators seem to be leaning toward a winter of temperature swings and snowfall that is generally termed normal, which is likely to mean some shovelling, but perhaps not enough to have farmers smiling even as they plow out their yards.

That is going to mean the region is going to need some significant early spring rains, although that is a bit of a good news bad news scenario since wet fields can delay planting.

Or farmers will be seeding into scant soil moisture

conditions, then hoping for timely late spring and throughout summer rains.

But summer rains over the last number of years seem less consistent, and when rain does come it can be as severe weather that is its own issue as witnessed by flooding in recent memory.

Some will look at the hotter summers and more inconsistent rain as merely the volatility that is typical of weather. Others are seeing the change as the first flush of climate change caused by the impact of

humankind.

Whether it is merely the ebb and flow of long-term weather that will eventually pass, or is a long-term thing farmers will need to adapt to is to be determined, but at least in the short term of growing a crop in 2022, it is a situation creating significant uncertainty.

And, as is always the case with weather, there will be little producers can do to mitigate the situation leaving them to look to the skies and hope timely rains come when needed.

Sask. terminates relationship with Extendicare

The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) plans to permanently take over long-term care services at all five Extendicare facilities in the province.

SHA CEO Scott Livingstone announced the plan during a news conference last Thursday. He said there is no timeline for the transition, which will likely take months of negotiations with Extendicare.

In the meantime, the SHA will continue its co-management agreement with Extendicare indefinitely.

"We have worked closely with Extendicare throughout this process and appreciate the cooperation we've received during the outbreak at Parkside and throughout the course of our recent co-management arrangement," he said. "Moving in this direction is a

result of a number of complex factors, including the lessons we have learned during the pandemic and future demand for long-term care services."

Seniors Minister Everett Hindley explained that the government supports the decision, which comes after an SHA report found "a lack of consistency at the company's five Saskatchewan facilities."

Extendicare's Parkside facility in Regina was the site of Saskatchewan's worst care home outbreak, which was connected to 39 resident deaths from COVID-19.

He said there was "no single deciding factor for this decision," though he acknowledged that the tragedy at Parkside was a major factor.

"I am sorry that the measures and supports in place were not

sufficient to prevent this tragedy," Hindley said. "And our government is committed to ensuring the necessary changes are made to prevent similar situations from occurring in the future."

Extendicare's five homes, located in Regina, Saskatoon, and Moose Jaw, provide approximately 550 long-term care spaces in total. The SHA, meanwhile, is responsible for more than 150 long-term care homes and more than 60 hospitals across Saskatchewan.

Welcoming the announcement as a positive shift away from "deadly for-profit care" NDP Critic for Seniors Matt Love questioned why the province took so long to act.

"Today's announcement is one that's long overdue," said Love. "Our party has been highlighting the issues with this private care

provider in Saskatchewan for nearly a decade. The issues at Extendicare aren't new, and it shouldn't have taken so long for this government to act."

The Saskatchewan NDP has long been a critic of the Sask. Party government's handling of long-term care, and over the years has called for a seniors bill of rights and the appointment of a seniors advocate, the implementation of minimum care standards, and an end to for-profit long-term care.

Love noted that going back to 2012, families, independent officers of the legislature, and the Official Opposition have highlighted the inadequate standards within Extendicare facilities and have called for minimum care standards to be implemented.

"What's so sad about today's an-

nouncement is that it took the preventable loss of so many lives in our long term care homes for this government to act," said Love.

"Our seniors in this province deserve more than out-of-sight, out-of-mind care. Though removing for-profit Extendicare from the equation is a positive first step, we need to ensure that we are improving care standards in all our long-term care facilities."

In light of last Thursday's announcement, the NDP is calling on the government to rollover all Extendicare long-term care staff into the SHA, increase funding to protect those most at risk in the pandemic, fully implement the Ombudsman's recommendations within the next year, and introduce legislation to reinstate minimum standards of care.

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Sask. expands vaccine passport program

Effective Monday, Oct. 18, the list of businesses and retail outlets that fall under Saskatchewan's proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test requirement has been expanded.

Under the revised mandate, proof of vaccination or a negative test will now be required for seated dining in all restaurants, including fast food restaurants, liquor manufacturers conducting retail liquor sales, and liquor stores with an integrated permit that also hold a liquor restaurant or tavern permit.

The requirement will still not be applicable for food pick-up or delivery, at food courts, or for entering a premises to use the washroom.

This new Public Health order replaces the original policy, which was enacted on Oct. 1 and included restaurants, including restaurants in hotels or other lodgings, nightclubs, bars, taverns, and manufacturer hospitality suites, buses and other establishments and transportation licensed by the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority for the sale and service of alcohol, liquor stores that have been issued standalone retail store permits issued by the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority, and cannabis stores that have been issued standalone retail store permits by the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority.

The proof of vaccination policy also applies to event and entertainment venues, including conference centres, meeting rooms and banquet facilities, except when being used for the purposes of a court or tribunal proceeding, theatres, cinemas, bingo halls, casinos, and other gaming establishments, concerts and live-music venues, fitness centres and gyms, and facilities hosting sporting

events where tickets are required that have GST charged on the ticket.

Under the new policy, retail businesses, including grocery stores, retained their exemptions. So too did:

- businesses holding an integrated liquor retail store permit that do not also hold a tavern or restaurant permit issued by the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority;
- businesses holding an integrated cannabis retail store permit issued by the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority;
- places of worship (including weddings/funerals/wakes);
- personal services, health care services, professional services;
- public libraries;
- hotels or lodging including self-serve food options located within the hotel or other lodging;
- facilities hosting amateur sporting events, including youth athletics and recreational leagues;
- private gatherings at public venues (weddings/funerals/wakes/meetings); and
- private gatherings at private residences.

To help support businesses and organizations that are required to verify their patrons' vaccination status, the province has introduced two apps.

The SK Vax Wallet app allows all vaccinated Saskatchewan residents to download their MySaskHealth Record vaccine certificate with the re-implemented QR code. Meanwhile, the SK Vax Verifier app allows businesses and organizations to scan the QR code in patrons' vaccination record.

Other options for proof of vaccination

include printed or downloaded versions of the MySaskHealthRecord vaccine certificate, wallet cards issued at the time of vaccinations, or a COVID-19 vaccination printout from Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) public health.

Individuals who do not have proof of vaccination, have the option of providing proof of a negative COVID-19 test result from within the previous 72 hours. The cost for all proof of negative test results for asymptomatic testing are the responsibility of the individual.

To help residents monitor their health, the province has announced that it has received a delivery of 2.6 million rapid antigen test kits. 1.3 million of these kits will be distributed for public use, and will be made available through participating fire halls, local chambers of commerce, and SHA testing and assessment centres starting this week.

A list of these locations is available at [Saskatchewan.ca/covid-19](https://saskatchewan.ca/covid-19) and will be updated as kits are delivered and available and as new sites participate.

In addition, more than 360,000 tests will be provided to First Nations communities across the province through a provincial allocation to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC).

Elsewhere, schools will receive a new supply of 720,000 tests, and the remainder of the supply will be allocated to other areas of the SHA's Test to Protect Program including congregate living facilities (long-term care, personal care homes, correctional facilities, shelters, group homes), and to healthcare workers and businesses that are registered with the SHA for a workplace surveillance program.

The province says it has also upped its request to the federal government, to 4 million tests per month from 1 million, to meet demand.

Though tests are more readily avail-

able, the province says they aren't a substitute for vaccination. It also advises that self-tests distributed for the purpose of workplace or asymptomatic surveillance will not be accepted for the negative test requirement.

As the province announces these policy changes, it's also initiated transfers of patients out of province to ease the pandemic's burden on ICUs. One patient was transferred to Ontario, with a total of six transfers expected by Wednesday.

"We recognize the stress this will cause the families affected," said Scott Livingstone, CEO of the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA).

"We continue to work every day to maximize capacity to provide care as close to home as possible, but this decision is necessary to maintain the quality of critical care services our patients need. We are extremely thankful to our partners in Ontario for stepping up and providing this support."

Livingstone's statement comes a day after he said the SHA wouldn't be requesting federal assistance, despite the pressures for it to do so over the past few weeks.

Noting that the federal government hasn't been sending the staff the province would need, or in large enough numbers, Livingstone said the SHA's focus would be on transferring patients to other provinces, and repositioning and upskilling staff to address needs as they arise.

"Ten resources going to Alberta, divide that by four, we would get two. I'm just not sure that that's the path we should be taking," he said.

"If in fact we cannot provide that care in province, we believe that sending people out of province so that they can receive that same level of care that we want in our ICUs would be the way to go," he added.



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21st EK Golf Classic makes history

By Maisie Krienke

Golfers and fans from across Canada gathered for the 21st Annual Eddie Krienke Golf Classic, creating history as the largest Classic turnout ever.

Family from as far east as Toronto and as far west as Lake Cowichan gathered at the Big River Golf Club with the group of nearly 200.

The traditional weekend, the weekend following Labour Day, has been set aside for family and friends to gather and golf in Eddie's memory. Golf was one of the many sports Eddie loved. He spent many hours on the development of the Big River Golf Course.

Timberland Motel, Big River Hotel and the Regional Park were booked to accommodate the many visitors. Ron & Arlene Gilbert, Barb Bradley, Bryan Meyers, Cheryl Marino, Danny & Krystal Breker, Wyatt Dziurzynski, Joe & Fern Wall and Ron & Wendy Hartnett provided campers for the weekend guests.

The event kicked off Thursday in order to accommodate the record number of golfers. With the 'extreme big' tent set up right at the course, the meeting headquarters brought people together very quickly.

First rounds of play continued all day Friday. Between golfers passing by on #1, Ray and Kelly set up the putting challenge. It was amazing the number of golfers who attempted to stake claim to the "Putter of the Year" status and go home with the bucks. Congrats to Jayson Watier, who claimed the \$720 for being the most prodigious putter!

The beautiful summer evening brought everyone out to the 'Bison dog' roast, sponsored by Sandy & Faye Ingram (a 21-year sponsor of this awesome roast).

Thanks to Leah Scriven, the Saturday morning golfers enjoyed muffins with their coffee before teeing off at 7:30.

With all first round scores in by 10 a.m., flights were formed and Calcutta rankings were posted. Very quickly betting partnerships were established and budgets created. Who would be the best gambler was now in question! Nearly \$12,000 was now at stake.

A great hamburger luncheon, complete with salads and desserts, was enjoyed before the first golfers set off for their second nine. This was provided by George and Arlene Ritchie, another of our 21-year sponsors. Jodie Cowan and her helpers, Erin, Jen, and Elizabeth spent the entire day in

the kitchen preparing lunch and supper.

Meanwhile, Ty Amundson and Ron Hein steadily flung the beer cases, keeping everyone hydrated and the beer wagon loaded so Blaine, Ray, Shawn, April, and Peggy could deliver to the golfers on course. Brian Moyer had prepped his side-by-side with the Original 16 logos and product for the boys to fill. Meanwhile, Riley Croshaw was back at the clubhouse renting the golf carts.

Kadia and Isaiah Nicholls, two young cousins from Leduc, volunteered to wash down the carts between each round. Continuously, throughout the day, folks back at the tent were carefully eyeing the silent auction table in hopes their bid would go unnoticed.

Ken Synder, between rounds of golf, continuously combed the audience selling 50/50s, as well as tickets on the 2021 Memorial Golf Bag. Every two hours the Bucket List challenge came up for renewal, at which time two names were drawn for "Golf Saskatchewan Courses". Winners also had their names advance to the jackpot, which was an "Elk Ridge Golf Package" provided by Ryan Danberg.

On the second round of play, golfers were faced with two great challenges. Thanks to Rally Motorsports, another 21-year sponsor, a quad was up for grabs to the first one to sink a hole-in-one on #4. Could it be done? Not today, so back to Rally went the quad, unclaimed.

Hole #9 held the next attraction where Travis & Emma Gould of TR Petroleum sponsored the 'Closest to the Pin' award. Again, a 21-year supporter, Travis awarded \$500 dollars to Tasha Gammel of Kelowna as well as \$500 dollars to Dave Kowalchuk of Lloydminster who landed their drives very near the pin. There was one surprised gal when she approached to podium and was handed five \$100 bills!

With all golfers back in by 5:30 and the tent packed with the fan club, Jodie's crew laid out a delicious supper sponsored by yet another 21-year sponsor, Neil & Rhoda Marshall. With everyone fed and watered it was now time for relaxing, a chance to determine all the winners, watch the smiling faces and listen to some far-fetched stories!

Congratulations to Lyndon Johnson and Nic Person, coming in with a score one point below four other teams, to claim the 2021 EK Golf Classic Trophy.

Gar Holbrook still holds the Most Senior status, while Layla Wright was declared

Most Junior. She already knows she'll be back next year. Early bird winners were Scott Reed and Madison Krienke who each went home with a double camp chair featuring the unique EK Classic logo.

Longest drivers were Kassidy Willoughby, Reese Krienke, and Lyndon Johnson, while Brent Compagna managed to stick his drive on #2 right on the line.

Sharon McGrath won the 2021 Memorial Golf Bag, while Scott Reed reloaded his wallet with \$597.50 by having the lucky 50/50 number. Twenty-four ticket holders patiently awaited the final draw of the Bucket List: an Elk Ridge package for four-golfing, accommodation, dining, and a golf tune-up lesson on the Range, provided by Ryan Danberg of Elk Ridge.

One Krienke family had smiling faces when Eve's name was drawn. Heather Bradley also got to strike one thing off her bucket list as second place winner, getting a package of Golf SK opportunities plus a \$100 certificate to Cactus Club, thanks to Travis Gould.

The prize table sagged with the weight of more than 200 prizes, most of which were donated by family and friends. In a random draw every golfer got to choose a prize, rumour has it that Rocky Krienke may have even chosen twice.

The entire weekend was a blast, with a record number of golfers of all ages and skills, plus a large fan club and many volunteers gathering to enjoy not only golfing but visiting and sharing many "Eddie" stories. Leah even heard Eddie holler down to her as she lifted her head at #6 tee-off.

This tremendous support of sponsors, volunteers and donors has gone on for 21



Nic Person and Lyndon Johnson were the 2021 champions.

years and is certain to be here again September 2022! Arlene Gilbert, in particular, plays a vital role in making this event happen each year. Eddie's family is delighted to have so many people participate and share in this special memorial event.

Another mark in making this 21st EK Classic a historic event was that over \$17,000 was raised this year. This donation is to go to capital improvements at the course. Every year, the proceeds have been donated to community development, starting with the building of our beautiful Community Centre, then moving to the Golf Club for a total of nearly \$200,000.



Madison Krienke and Scott Reed took home the early bird prizes.



Tasha Gammel and Dave Kowalchuk each took home \$500 for the closest to the pin on Hole #9.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPIRITWOOD: Wapiti Regional Library - Tuesday 9 am - 5 pm; Wednesday 9 am - 5 pm; Friday 9 am - 5 pm

LEOVILLE: Wapiti Regional Library - Wednesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thursday 10 am - 3 pm

SHELL LAKE: Wapiti Regional Library - Tuesday 12:30 pm - 4 pm; Wednesday 12:30 pm - 4 pm

BLAINE LAKE: Wapiti Library - Wednesday 11 am - 6 pm; Friday 11 am - 5 pm; Saturday 10 am - 4 pm. Contact us for more info 306-497-3130, www.wapitilibrary.ca.

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DEBDEN: Wapiti Library hours: Tuesday 10 am - 3 pm; Wednesday 3 pm - 7 pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon

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Minutes of an R.M. of Canwood meeting

(Where necessary, the following minutes may have been edited for clarity or brevity)

A regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 was held at the Seniors' Room (Elks Hall), 2nd Avenue East, in Canwood on July 20, 2021, commencing at 9:07 a.m.

Present — Reeve Lyndon Pease, Administrator Lorna Benson and the following Councillors for their respective divisions: #1 Ralph Korody, #2 Dennis Benke, #3 Levi Schutte, #4 Ray Duret, and #6 Leonard Smith.

Absent — #5 Richard De Bruijn Delegations:

11 a.m. David Pingert, Landscaping of lot at Morin Lake

11:30 a.m. Lyle Molzan, Road and Policy discussion

11:45 a.m. Councillor Indemnity Duret: That the minutes of the June 15, 2021, Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented. Carried

Benke: That the minutes of the June 15, 2021, Special Council Meeting be approved as presented. Carried

Smith: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of June 2021 for the R.M. General Account be approved as presented. Carried

Korody: That we approve the payments as listed on the attached account listing for a total of \$263,138.60, Council Direct Deposits for June and Payroll Direct Deposits for 2020 Pay Period 13, 14 and 15. Carried

Duret: In the matter of the Contractor Liability Insurance Agreement, we instruct the Administrator to add Section 6 into the agreement, make the other minor changes, and present the revised agreement at the August Council meeting. Carried

Benke: That we acknowledge the correspondence from SGI with regard to the funding allocation for the Photo Speed Enforce-

ment (PSE) Projects applied for within the Rural Municipality of Canwood. Carried

Korody: That we acknowledge the Occupational Health Committee Meeting minutes of June 29, 2021. Carried

Benke: That we enter into a Standing Forage Purchase Agreement with Hal Shynkaruk, Shell Lake, Sask., for the cutting and baling of hay on the NW & SW 29-51-07, SE 31-51-07 W3 and the SW 32-51-07 W3. Carried

Duret: That we approve the approach construction application of Leslie and Shawn Stevenson, Warman, Sask., at Lot 6, Block 3, Plan 102074497 Ext 0 at Morin Lake. Carried

Duret: That we approve the approach construction application of Michelle Boisvert, Debden, Sask., at Lot 21, Block 3, Plan 102074497 Ext 0 at Morin Lake. Carried

Benke: That we authorize disposal of the following documents in accordance with the Records Retention and Disposal Schedule of Bylaw No. 2020-11:

- Accounts Payable 2007 AP Backup- Floppy Disk x 2;
- 1.10 Federal/Provincial Remittance 2011-2013 School-Related Documents;
- 1.17 Tax Roll and Assessment Roll 2006 Back up Levy-Floppy Disk;
- 1.4 Audit and Compliance Reviews 2007 Audit Information- Floppy Disk;
- 1.5 Bank Accounts 2013 Bank Statements;
- 2.15 Tax Assessment Records 2014 Assessment and Assessment Return 2015 Assessment and Assessment Return;
- 3.12 Ballot Box Contents 2020 Election Ballots and Registration Documents; and
- 3.6 Nomination and Receipts 2014-2016 Nomination Papers. Carried

Schutte: That as the title of

the following property formerly owned by Richard Allen Hall was transferred to the municipality under the provisions of The Tax Enforcement Act on May 4, 2021, we cancel the balance of the taxes owing to December 31, 2021. The cancellation is as follows: Roll No. 582, Legal Description: SW 07-50-04 W3, Municipal: \$100, School: \$15.00, Total: \$115. Carried

Pease: Further to Resolution No. 15 of Jan. 19, 2021, in the matter of tax arrears outstanding on Parcel B, Plan 101471071 in Mont Nebo, we authorize Zatlun Law Office to proceed with tax enforcement. Carried

Schutte: That we cancel a portion of the 2021 improvement taxes on Block A, Plan 101347512, Ext 14, on the NW 05-51-04 W3 owned by Dana Hansen, Canwood, Sask., as he rents land to reduce the taxable assessment. The cancellation is as follows: Roll No. 1051 200, Land Description: Blk A, Plan 101347512 Ext 14, Municipal: \$1,969.44, School: \$1,097.96, Total: \$3,067.40. Carried

Pease: That the meeting proceed in camera at 12:07 p.m. as per Section 16(1) of the Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act to discuss the action of Orion Morgan and Saltbox Studios Limited. Carried

Benke: That the Council comes out of camera at 12:23 p.m. Carried

Benke: That in the action commenced by Saltbox Studios and Orion Morgan, the Rural Municipality will advise its legal counsel to proceed as recommended and offer to waive costs should the Plaintiffs discontinue the action. Carried

Duret: That we contribute \$7,500 from the funds in the Dedicated Lands Account to the École Debden Public School for the outdoor learning space at the

Debden School subject to any approvals required by the Ministry of Government Relations in accordance with The Planning and Development Act, 2007 and The Dedicated Lands Regulations, 2009. Carried

Duret: That we acknowledge the Mediation Summary of July 15, 2021, presented by mediators Anita Ehman and Murray Walker with respect to the proposed annexation by the Resort Village of Pebble Baye. Carried

Korody: That we approve the Council's Indemnity as presented. Carried

Korody: That we approve the Moving Permit of Luke Kitching, Lloydminster, AB., to move the top storey of a dwelling from the SE 12-49-04 W3, Block A, Plan No. 101464736 Ext 0, out of the municipality. Carried

Schutte: That we approve the Development and Building Permit Applications of Vertex Professional Services Ltd., to construct a communication tower and small building on the SW 05-51-04 W3, with approval pursuant to Section 5.1.1(3)(e) of the AG – Agricultural Residential District, Municipal

Zoning Bylaw 2003-7. Carried

Duret: That we agree to the request of Leonard Lewko, Saskatoon, Sask., to consolidate Lot 6, Block 5, Plan 77B09994 Ext 0 with Lot 7, Block 5, Plan 77B09994 Ext 0 at Morin Lake. Carried

Benke: That we approve the Development Permit Application of Randy Anderson, Saskatoon, Sask., for shoreline stabilization subject to the conditions that the work must follow the parameters set out in the approvals obtained from Water Security Agency or any other governing body issuing permits pertaining to this matter. Carried

Benke: That we approve the Development and Building Permit Applications of Donald Brezden, Shell Lake, Sask., to move a trailer to the SE-06-50-07 W3, with approval pursuant to Section 5.1.1(1)(c) of the AR – Agricultural Residential District, Municipal Zoning Bylaw 2003-7. Carried

Pease: That we now file the correspondence. Carried

Duret: That we now adjourn at 2:46 p.m. with the next regular meeting of Council to be held on Aug. 11, 2021, at 9 a.m.

Parkland U18 Elks continue slump

The Parkland U18 AA Elks played a doubleheader on home ice over the weekend, hosting North East on Friday evening and the West Central Wheat Kings on Saturday afternoon.

Despite some flashes of brilliance, and the support of the hometown crowd, the Elks' struggles continued through the combined 120 minutes of action and the team dropped both its games to remain winless on the season.

Elks (0) vs North East (3)

Friday evening's matchup with North East began as a slow burner. Opportunities for both teams were few and far between, until the visitors found the back of the net in the dying minutes of the period to swing the momentum of the game in their favour.

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GOOD NEWS

FEELING GRATEFUL FOR EVERYTHING

Someone wrote "I write about the power of trying, because I want to be okay with failing. I write about generosity because I battle with selfishness. I write about joy because I know sorrow. I write about faith because I almost lost mine, and I know what it is to be broken and in need of redemption. I write about gratitude because I am thankful- for all of it."

When I am asked where I am from, I often say Hay River N.W.T. Though born raised there I haven't lived there since 1977. That's 44 years ago. My hometown has an old town and new town, and I am old enough to have experienced both.

I am grateful for my freedom we had growing up. Neighbour kids getting together playing kick the can. Show-

ing up at the ball diamond and having enough to play scrub baseball. Having someone show interest in me enough to persuade my mom to put me in hockey.

That someone was Dr. King who was one of our medical doctors at our local hospital. Travelling with the Hay River Polar Bears (our hockey team) to many northern Alberta towns, some B.C communities and even into Ontario and Quebec, I am grateful. Thankful for all the lessons I learnt from hockey like how to work with others, how to admire the skill of other players, how to respect authority, and how to win gracefully as well as lose.

Experiencing no indoor plumbing, having a party line, moving into Disney Land when it first was built in Hay River was a blessing. (There were some

twenty identical houses that were built in one area of Hay River that got known as Disney Land.)

I am grateful for mom and dad who did the best for us growing up. Paul writes Timothy in 2 Timothy 1:5 "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

I had a mom like that. Theresa Bodvarson moved all the way from Meadow Lake, Sask. to Hay River and there she made her commitment to Christ. I only found out many years later when I was camp director for Plains Pentecostal camp in Southern Saskatchewan, and asked Ken Gaetz to be our mission's speaker, that Ken said of my mom she was a rough jewel and his first convert

in Hay River.

I am grateful for my wife who I married some 40 years ago, for three boys who have grown into men and married wonderful wives and blessed us with seven delightful grandchildren.

I am grateful for the many years of ministry Jesus has given Marlene and I. We have now pastored for some 37 years, starting with an Indigenous church in Saskatoon. For the many friendships have been forged along the way, I am grateful.

So grateful to Jesus who I accepted as Saviour and Lord so many years ago. I hope you are feeling grateful today as well.

Blessings,
Pastor Bodvarson
SPA

Giants-Dodgers match-up happened far too early

One of the two most successful teams in Major League Baseball this season will have a longer winter than they may have been expecting.

San Francisco Giants and Los Angeles Dodgers met in a National League 'semi-final' (a divisional playoff series) after racking up the two highest win totals over the 162-game regular season.

The two strongest teams in baseball meeting so early in the playoffs seems unfair, but they could never meet for the World Series championship, so it's best they got it over with early.

This, however, is Djokovic-Federer in the first round of Wimbledon; or the Stanley Cup on the line in an October game. It's just so wrong.

The pre-season favourite Dodgers lived up to their April hype by winning 106 games, even without the services for more than half the season of one of their ace pitchers, Trevor Bauer, who got mixed up in a

messy legal situation involving domestic abuse.

The Giants, meanwhile, were the big surprise of 2021, winning 107 games after most pre-season 'experts' gave them virtually no chance of contending. One prognosticator with apparent inside information pegged them as the 26th-best team (out of 30) going into regular-season action.

The way the playoff system unfolded, the Dodgers and Giants wound up meeting each other in the first round (after the one-game wild-card contest), while two lesser-ranked teams, Milwaukee Brewers (95 wins) and Atlanta Braves (88 wins) met in the other divisional match-up.

On paper, the Dodgers were the better team, with more big-name pitchers, more multi-million-dollar free agents and trade acquisitions, and an aura of recent success (eight consecutive first-place finishes in the NL West).



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San Francisco, meanwhile, boasted a rag-tag unit of aging players, a pitching rotation put together from a relative scrap heap, and an ability to get the big hit at the right time. A team winning 107 out of 162 games can't do it all by luck, and manager Gabe Kapler, who lost more than he won during his two-year managerial stint in Philadelphia, was suddenly Casey Stengel/John McGraw reincarnated.

The Dodgers are the big corporation, with a glitzy board of directors and tens of millions in earnings; the Giants are

the corner-store operation with Ma and Pa in charge. Joe and Mary Baseball Fan were no doubt cheering for the Giants to carry on with their fairy tale season.

• Headline at theonion.com: "Injured Jaguar Praying It's Season Ending"

• Roberto Castro, on Twitter: "If you wake up today and your job feels impossible, just remember there is a team of people selling Jacksonville Jaguars tickets, suites, and hospitality packages."

• Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.): "The White Sox vs. Astros series had 77-year-old Tony La Russa matching managerial wits with 72-year-old Dusty Baker. Could be the storyline of the next Clint Eastwood movie."

• Greg Cote of the Miami Herald, in a column defending second-year QB Tua Tagovailoa and trying to tone down fans' unrest: "Tagovailoa's apparent crime, if I understand it correctly, is that

he is not Justin Herbert."

• Comedy writer Brad Dickson of Omaha: "Nebraska 21-Northwestern 0 (first quarter score, 56-7 final). This is what happens when the Huskers play a team where the players actually have to go to class."

• Columnist Norman Chad, on Twitter: "Texans QB Davis Mills, at the half, is 1 of 7, 3 yards, 2 INT. He has a passer rating of 0.0, last achieved by Napoleon when he invaded Russia."

• Columnist Mark Cannizzaro of the New York Post, on Jacksonville coach Urban Meyer in the wake of a viral video showing the coach and a young woman dancing provocatively: "Right now, it appears Urban Meyer has about as much credibility inside the Jaguars' locker room as Oscar Mayer."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Mick Jagger, in Charlotte, N.C., for a Rolling Stones concert, dropped into a small bar for a drink the

night before and nobody recognized who he was. 'Why couldn't that have been me?' asked Jags coach Urban Meyer."

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "Reuters reported a hunter aiming at a moose accidentally shot a senior in a distant house. I'm surprised the NY Jets let Zach Wilson go hunting."

• Currie again: "Three signs your NFL squad is having a bad season: 3. Mom sells her season tickets — before your first game; 2. Fans petition the Commissioner to play all home games in London; 1. The gift shop's bags come with eyeholes."

• Steve Simmons of Sun Media: "The Tampa Bay Rays remind me of high school chemistry: I can watch the experiments, I just can't explain them."

• Another one from Simmons: "There is no doubt about this: This is the worst season in Edmonton Elks history."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Parkland U18 Elks continue slump

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Cade Bohn struck with just over two minutes left, earning assists from Wyatt Wilson and Oliver Muir on what would become the game-winning goal.

Half a minute later, after the Elks took an untimely four-minute kneeling major, Luc Fortier scored on a helper from Ryan Radloff to pad North East's lead. Following the goal, the Elks returned to the dressing room having tallied just six shots over the course of the first 20 minutes.

When the Elks and North East took the ice for the second frame, a back-and-forth struggle ensued with neither team getting the better of the few scoring opportunities presented to them.

Though the Elks had an advantage with three power plays to North East's one, the team failed to take advantage or generate scoring opportunities. One promising opportunity, a breakaway for Kyler Roy, was cut short by a glaring slash (this was one of the power plays the Elks failed to capitalize on).

After another 20 minutes of action, the Elks returned to the dressing room with just 16 shots on goal to their name.

In a highly contentious third period, tempers were running high on both benches, leading to some big hits, a brief, full-line scuffle, and a call or two that Elks coaches Doug Hobson and Sheldon Moe disagreed with.

Looking to the scoreboard, the sole high-

light once again belonged to North East, who scored on a lazy floater off of an offensive zone faceoff. Mason Pronych netted the goal just after the midway point of the frame, with an assist from Radloff.

In the last period, the Elks managed just five shots on goal, bringing their game total to 21.

Elks (2) Wheat Kings (3)

With a short turnaround after another crushing defeat, the Elks came out fired up when they hosted the West Central Wheat

Kings on Saturday afternoon.

A lack of shots on goal certainly wasn't an issue for the team, and Kyler Roy put his opportunities to good use by opening the scoring for the Elks just past the midway point of the first period. Bronson Parker provided the lone assist on the goal, which was the only offensive highlight of the frame.

Mirroring the period before it, the second frame saw only one goal scored, this one by the Wheat Kings. Hunter Sperle netted the

goal on a late power play, with assists from Austin Shepherd and Leighton Partington.

After two relatively quiet periods, the third frame saw an explosion of scoring opportunities and goals. The Elks got the better of the early exchanges, when Kendon Skalicky put his team back on top on the power play. Jake Boettcher and Tavis Galloway earned assists on the goal.

However, West Central bounced back to knot the game up at 2-2 near the midway point of the frame. Austin Burton scored the game-tying goal, with an assist from Colbey Frocklage.

Then, leveraging a late Elks penalty, Leighton scored the game winner on the power play with assists from Landyn Nash and Shepherd.

After the pair of losses, the Elks still haven't made it into the win column in the 2021-2022 regular season campaign. The team is now alone in last place in the Centre Four conference, with a record of 0-4-0-1.

After playing the Prince Albert Lakeland Towing Vulcans on Wednesday evening, the Elks have a busy weekend ahead of them.

On Friday, they host the Saskatoon Riverkings at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday, the team hits the road for two more shots at dethroning the West Central Wheat Kings.

Puck drop for Saturday's match is 7:30 p.m., while Sunday's game has a 2 p.m. start time.



Tempers boiled over in the third period of the Elks' Friday night match against North East, leading to a scuffle late in the frame.

OBITUARIES

Real Belair



In loving memory of Real Belair February 17, 1931 – October 10, 2021.

As the autumn leaves start to change color and fly we will always be reminded of the day you left, as well as the years we shared. The pain of our loss is softened knowing you are now with family and friends in your heavenly home. Until we meet again, you will always be in our hearts.

We love you dad.

Real is lovingly remembered by his children, grandchildren, and great

grandchildren

Guy (Suzanne) Belair and family: Kevin (Pam) Belair and their children Max and Lexi; Derek (Rae-lene Henri) Belair and their son Arlo; Darcy (Dwan) Belair and their children Conway and Cora.

Daughter in law Charma Belair and family: Jeremy (Desiree) Belair and children Andre and Ayla; Chelsea Belair; Kimberly (Mike Mantyka) and their sons Oliver and Luke.

Celine (Mario) Boisvert and family: Rachelle (Bryce Reed); Michelle (Lane Tipton) and children Danika and Blayke.

Claude (Paula) Belair and family: Josh (Lindsay) Belair and children Scarlett, Kit and Skye; Joel (Allison) Belair and children Connor and Emery; Courtney (Brendon) Canaday and children Harper and Millie; Cody Belair (Avery Dunn) and daughter Sage.

Serge Belair and family: Sara Belair and her children

Chloe and Paxton; Joshua Belair; Austin Belair; and Mackenzie Belair.

His sibling Anita (Phillipe) Ruel

His In-laws Sylva Bisson, Fern (Jake) Klassen, Edwardine Belair, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Real is predeceased by his wife: Rita (Grenier) Belair: His son Denis Belair: His parents Ovila and Alma Belair: His parents in law Archille and Yvonne Grenier: His siblings Gisele (Roger) Fortier, Lawrence (Madeleine) Collins, Ivan Belair: His siblings in laws Simone (William) DeGagne, Leoni (Claude) Gaudet, Therese Bisson, and Lionel Grenier.

In lieu of flowers, tokens in Real's memory may be directed to Debden Heritage Manor Box 608, Debden, SK S0J 0S0. Friends and family wishing to send online condolences may visit www.beaulacfuneral-home.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Lynn Anderson, Funeral Director, Shellbrook SK. 306-747-2828.

Gerald (Gerry) Albert Boyd



BOYD – Gerald (Gerry) Albert

It is with heavy hearts the family announces the passing of a great man, Gerald (Gerry) Albert Boyd at the age of 75 years on Thursday, October 14th, 2021. He bat-

tled hard against cancer and never let it keep him from doing what he loved.

Gerry was born on May 26th, 1946 in Rabbit Lake, SK to Earl and Violet Boyd. Gerry is lovingly remembered by his loving wife, Shirley; daughter, Melanie (Jeff)- Kieran, Kayleigh, Kendra; Son, Desmen (Michelle) - Payton and Gavin; sisters: Marlene Low, Audrey Boyd, Donna Littlemore (Charlie); sisters in-law: Martha (Pat) Hobbs; Patty (Carl) Sankey; Brenda (Brian) Byl - Jordan; brothers in-law: K.C. (Bonnie) Byl; Jim (Darlene) Byl numerous, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his

parents: Violet (Blixrud) and W Earl Boyd; grandparents: Joseph & Mary Boyd; Chris & Dora Blixrud; mother and father-Law: Klaas and Hillievi Byl; brothers-in-law: William (Will) Low, Peter Gayowski, a niece and 3 nephews.

Due to COVID, a Family Service will be held at the Robinhood Municipal Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Medstead Central School Playground Fund. Condolences for the family can be left at www.eternalmemoriesfuneral.ca Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Trevor Watts of Eternal Memories Funeral Service & Crematorium.

Garry Gunderson



GUNDERSON, GARRY
APRIL 20, 1942 – JULY 27, 2020

On July 27, 2020, Garry Orval Gunderson passed away at the age of 78 years after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was in hospital in White Rock, BC having moved from Osoyoos in Feb. 2020 to be closer to family.

Garry was survived by his wife Vietta (Vie) (who has since passed away in August 2021), step daughter Arlene (Charles) Yargeau and their

children Joshua, Jacob and Alissa, his grandson Tyson Ryan, his son-in-law Matthew Sanderson, grandchildren Matthew and Cruz, his siblings Ann, Judy, Janice Stals, Grant (Janet), Dale (Cathy), Doris and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Garry was predeceased by his step-daughter, Laura Ryan, his parents Ilma and Ingvald, his sisters Jean and infant Betty Lou and his brother-in-law Frank Stals.

Garry was born in Port Arthur, ON and raised on a farm near Mont Nebo, SK. At the age of 18 he attended DeVry in Toronto where he acquired a diploma as an electronics technologist. He immediately landed a job with IBM servicing large scale business computers for approximately 35 years. He was a proud loyal employee, had an exceptional work ethic and was well respected by fellow employees for his remarkable ability to service

computers. His capability to fix anything extended to home electronics and mechanical objects.

Garry had a very strong sense of family and of his Norwegian heritage. He made special effort to spend time with family and friends. He will be remembered for his generosity, his hospitality and his willingness to help. His parents wanted their children to learn the Norwegian language and spoke only Norwegian. When Garry was enrolled in Grade 1 he could not speak English. Despite that, he managed to learn English and pass Grade 1 in a shortened school year.

Garry was a master cribbage player, had a fascination with cars and was an exceptional driver. Being unable to drive in his last 6 months due to his failing eyesight was especially disturbing for him.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, memorial services for Garry have been delayed indefinitely. An announcement will be made at a later date.

Lil Sorenson



Sorensen – Lilly Bertha (1920 – 2021)

Lilly was born to Tom and May Sherping on February 20, 1920 in Pollockville, Alberta and passed away peacefully on October 14, 2021 in Warman, Saskatch-

ewan. She leaves a legacy of love, and will be greatly missed by her daughter, Debra Sorensen; Grandchildren, Craig (Julie) Valette of Warman, Sask., Christy (Curtis) Whyte of Calgary, AB; Tyson and Brody Valette of Calgary, AB and five great-grandchildren; Zoie, Griffin and Finley Valette and Lilly and Wren Whyte.

In her early years, Lil worked in the CIBC Bank in Prince Albert and eventually moved to the Canwood branch where she would later meet her husband, Lloyd. They were married in 1954, and farmed until 1982. Debra was their only child and was born in 1957. Lil and Lloyd loved living in

a small town, and enjoyed participating in community organizations, and volunteering. Once Lloyd passed on in 2007, Lil continued to live in her own home until 2019 where she enjoyed baking, working in her garden and attending community events. In September 2019, she moved into the Warman Mennonite Special Care Home and lived there until October of 2021.

Due to health regulations, the family has chosen to have a private service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Zion Lutheran Church, Box 358, Canwood, Sask. S0J 0K0.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Mourning Glory Funeral Home in Saskatoon.

Edith Gertrude Ferster



FERSTER – Edith Gertrude
1926 - 2021

With sadness the family announces that Edith Gertrude passed away peacefully on Oct. 2, 2021 at the age of 94 surrounded by her family whom she loved so dearly.

Edith and her twin sister Ruth were born in Loch, Poland on October 28, 1926. At two years of age, the twins and their parents travelled across the ocean to arrive at Pier 21, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Their journey continued across this large country till they arrived at Brightholme, Saskatchewan where they began a new chapter in their life. Grandpa Heimlich's vocation changed from being a butcher to a farmer in the dirty thirties with no support which was the beginning of mom's resilience. She attended school in Pine Grove until Grade 8 but

when only one of the girls could continue with school, Edith stayed home to take care of her frail mom and work on the farm. She did work at the TB Sanatorium until a young farmer came pursuing her on a regular basis. On July 8, 1948 she married Joseph Arnold Ferster and they celebrated their 60th anniversary before his passing in 2008.

Mom had a very strong spirit and in 1958, they left the family farm with three small children in tow, Grandma Ristock and against all advice and no family support, moved nine miles north of Shellbrook to the Rayside district. Working tirelessly with unlimited determination, they built a farm which is still a part of the family three generations later. They continued farming with their sons until they decided to move to the Peter Pond area near Prince Albert. Dad continued to help with the farm until 1991 when they decided to move to Saskatoon where mom lived until her passing.

Left to always cherish her memories are her children: Larry (Debbie) Ferster, Ron (Bev) Ferster, and Brenda (Ted) Ledding. Grandchildren: Drew (Tanya) Ashton, Kassie, Kallie, Ferster, Deanna (Jeff) Ava and Emmy Ledding, Jay (Angela),

Nolan, Austin and Taylor Ferster, Shea (Kyla) Ellis and Evan Ferster, Quinn Ferster, Jeremy (Katie) Abby, Joey and Maddie Ledding, Teneille (Adrian) Axel Robson, Brooke (Mike) Cooper and Addison Klatt.

Mom was the last remaining member of both sides of this generation and has many nieces and nephews who remember her with fondness. Mom had so many exceptional qualities that had become so diminished over these final years. Her determined spirit which she passed to her children and her grandchildren will be a legacy that will remain with them throughout their lives.

Her strong faith never faltered even when it was tested over the years and this too will be part of their legacy.

The family expresses a special thank you to the caregivers at St. Anne's who provided her with compassionate care during the final years of her life. Donations in Edith's memory may be made to Brightholme Cemetery Fund or Redeemer Lutheran Church. A family Celebration of Edith's life will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, with Pastor Trent Felstrom and Emmanuel Aristide officiating. Email condolences can be sent to mail@saskatoonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Saskatoon Funeral Home.

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A visit to a spring garden

By Bernadette Vangool

I visited Keukenhof in 2012 as part of a garden tour to Holland and Belgium. It was the highlight of the trip for me. I was blown away by the sheer size and beauty of the spring park in full bloom.

Keukenhof was originally a hunting estate of the castle of Jacoba van Beieren, herbs and vegetables for the castle kitchen were grown here, hence the name 'Keukenhof' or 'Kitchen Garden'. In the 19th century, architect Zocher designed the park for the current owners in the English landscape style. The property is now owned and overseen by a foundation. The first annual flower exhibition was held here in 1949.

All the flowering bulbs you see at Keukenhof are provided free of charge by over eighty 'Royal Suppliers' the best growers and exporters of spring bulbs. When Keukenhof closes at the end of May, the majority of the bulbs are dug up and won't be used again. In the fall, seven million new bulbs will be planted over a two-month period, by the thirty some gardeners employed at the park.

In some areas of the park grape Hyacinths have been allowed to naturalize among the beech trees. Here bulbs are allowed to remain in the ground after blooming. They come up every year and multiply to form a continuous carpet.

Four pavilions with coffee shops and indoor displays are scattered throughout the park. These are named after Dutch Royalty and each has its own themed displays and gardens. For example the Beat-

rix Pavilion contains a huge variety of orchids and outside showcases a Japanese garden, while the Juliana Pavilion houses the bulb information centre and the Museum The Black Tulip and outside features a natural garden with perennials and naturalized bulbs. Besides the four pavilions named after royalty the Oranje Nassau Pavilion feature new judged flower shows every two weeks.

The park would not be complete without the very symbol of Holland the windmill. The mill gives visitors an opportunity to view the fields of tulips adjacent to the park.

When confronted in Holland with the vista of field after field of tulips and bulbs, it is easy to forget that the tulip did not come from that country, but originated in Central Asia in mountain ranges west of the Himalayas. Millions of years ago, the tulip began to spread to India and China and was cultivated in the Black Sea area since the 12th century.

Turkey became enamoured with the tulip during the reign of Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent (1520-1566), who was a great plant enthusiast and especially loved the needle tulip, a narrow tulip with small, long tapered petals.

Augier Ghislain de Busbecq, Ambassador for the Holy Roman Empire, arrived in Turkey in 1554, and he too loved the tulips and distributed them

freely to international contacts. Tulip trading started between Constantinople (now Istanbul) and Antwerp, and nurseries started to grow bulbs in the Flanders and France. It was another 50 years before Carolus Clusius introduced the bulbs officially to the Netherlands.

Carolus Clusius, was a well respected botanist who was in charge of the Imperial Gardens of Venice in 1573. In 1592 Carolus Clusius was appointed Hortus Profectus, Head Botanist of the Leiden University, and brought with him the bulbs that his friend Augier had given him. In 1594 the first Dutch tulip flowered in the medicinal nursery garden of Leiden University. A passionate scientist Clusius developed classification systems to determine early, middle and late bloom-

ing varieties. Nursery owners were intrigued and saw the value of this relatively new plant, but Clusius refused to part with any of his beauties, except for outrageous prices. They finally resorted to raiding his gardens at the University. And this is how it is said that the Dutch tulip industry got its infamous start.

If you are planning a spring vacation to Amsterdam or the Netherlands don't forget to set one day aside for a visit to Keukenhof.

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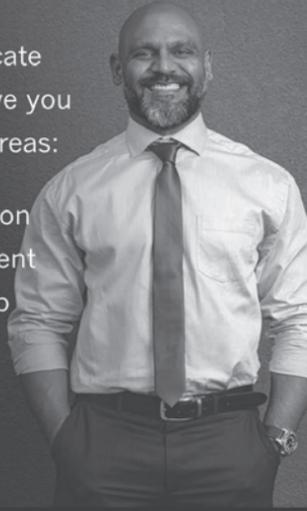
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